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FIFTH ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TAKES UP THIS YEARS WORK

The Fifth Arizona legislature met at the Capitol last Monday and organized by the election of H. D. Wilkinson, of Maricopa county, as president of the senate and Pat C. Keefe, of Yavapai county, as speaker of the house. The usual appointment of attaches was effected and the routine business was put under way. The first act was to provide funds for the legislative payroll amounting to \$67,000. Mrs. Maybelle Craig, formerly of this county, was elected assistant chief clerk. Mrs. Sarah Neal of this county was elected enrolling clerk, of the house.

It may be noted that the senate is composed of ten republicans and nine democrats, while the house is composed of 20 democrats and 19 republicans.

W. A. Neal, Mohave county's representative in the house, is chairman of the good roads committee and a member of the fish and game, and militia and public defense. The good roads committee is one of the most important committees of the legislature, having to do with the matter of road work and appropriations covering the millions of dollars that go into the state's program of road improvement.

James Curtin, senator from this county, has been made chairman of the labor committee of the senate. Mr. Curtin was assigned to this committee because of his interest in labor problems, he having in course of preparation a compensation measure that he expects to take the place of the present monstrosity. This bill will be patterned after the Nevada law, and may incorporate many features of the New York law. These two measures are much alike, although the Nevada law has to do with employment features that are absent from the law of the Empire state. That there is reason for the enactment of just such a measure any interested person may readily see, but that it will get through without the usual referendum attack of the ambulance chasers is uncertain. Mr. Curtin is also interested in good roads and will cooperate with Mr. Neal in his efforts to secure necessary appropriations for the building up of the roads, of the state, especially those roads relating to the north part of the state, but which are of importance to the south and central parts of this big domain.

After the organization of the two houses the governor was duly notified that the legislature was ready to receive his message. The message which covers a variety of subjects, deals with them in a business way, and we are giving herewith some of the highlights of the various subjects touched upon:

Cotton gins should be made public utilities.

Amending divorce law to provide interlocutory decree not to be final until one year from date of divorce.

Providing site and home for juvenile girl delinquents, thus segregating sexes at state industrial school.

Meeting co-operative offer of United States for industrial rehabilitation.

Amending law so only American citizens are eligible for admission to Pioneers Home and limiting admission to those who have been residents of state since 1885.

Making provision for care of orphans and half-orphans through home-finding societies.

Americanization of foreign population by co-operation with federal government in such work through state department of education.

Appointment of commission to study and report back to legislature a workman's compensation law equally fair to employer and employee.

Designation of November 11, Armistice Day, as Liberty Day and legal holiday.

Recommends sufficient appropriation for thorough audit of books of all state departments and institutions.

Recommends change in elective laws; providing for absent voter; safeguarding against fraud.

Recommends change in land code to make it more definite, workable and effective.

Recommends consolidating of certain departments of state; office of weights and measures placed under jurisdiction of corporation commission; office of apiary inspector under direction of commission of agriculture and horticulture.

Revision of law governing vocation.

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IMPORTANT MEETING OF GUN CLUB NEXT TUESDAY EVE.

There will be a meeting of the Kingman Gun Club in the directors room of the Arizona Central Bank, at 7 o'clock, Tuesday evening, Jan. 18th. Important matters will be brought before this meeting, and all members and others who are interested in outdoor recreation are earnestly invited to attend.

H. H. WATKINS,
Secretary.

The management of the gun club wish to add a few words of explanation as to the particular object of this meeting in order to obtain the co-operation of all citizens of Kingman who are interested in outdoor sports.

640 acres of land upon which the gun club grounds and the golf links are situated has been purchased and is held in the name of H. H. Watkins as Trustee; it was purchased with the idea in mind that Kingman should have a permanent recreation ground. It is now proposed that an association be legally formed to take over this land so that it may be improved and become a source of enjoyment and pride to the community.

A full discussion is desired before any action is taken.

ONLY 5 CASES OF SMALLPOX REPORTED IN COUNTY TO DATE

There have been many rumors concerning the number of smallpox cases in the county but all that have been reported to the Board of Health up to last night were five, three at the pest house, one at the Diamond Joe mine and one at the Pope Fancher ranch.

There are perhaps two or three more on the Sandy which have not yet been reported.

All cases are light and with proper precaution being taken it is not thought likely that there will be an epidemic here.

The public is urged to report anything that looks like smallpox to the Board of Health.

One of the doctors when consulted this morning by the Miner as to the stages in which smallpox was most likely to be caught, said that it is infectious to some at all stages and to others only when "peeling off", depending upon the susceptibility of the person.

A large number of Kingman people are being vaccinated. There is no law compelling it unless so ordered by the Board of Health but there is a law which says that no children shall attend school unless properly vaccinated.

An order of the Board of Health appears herewith.

ORDER

Kingman, Arizona,
January 10th, 1921.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that on or after this date and during the prevalence of smallpox in any school district in Mohave County, State of Arizona, all persons who have not been vaccinated and have been exposed to any case of smallpox, and all school children who have not been vaccinated are required to remain at home and not to go upon the streets or be in or about any public place or gathering.

THE MOHAVE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

DEL SHEARER,

President.

JOHN M. HINES, JR.,

Vice-President.

T. R. WHITE,

Secretary.

WEDDING HERE

Saturday Luis D. Lovejoy and Mabel A. Cross were married. The wedding took place at the home of Justice of the Peace Sam H. Miller, who performed the ceremony.

The bride is well known here having acted as cashier at the Harvey House for the past two years. The groom is an engineer on the Santa Fe. They will make their home at Needles.

There will be a meeting of the Ladies Aid Society on Monday at 7:30 p. m., at the Catholic Church parsonage. All members are kindly requested to attend the meeting.

Father Hootsmans.

WAGE REDUCTION OF 50C TO \$1.00 PER DAY IN MINES OF COUNTY

Mine operators of Oatman and Kingman held a joint meeting at the Dudley offices in Kingman, last Wednesday afternoon, at which the proposed cut in wage of mine employees was discussed. Every phase of the situation was gone into and as a result the mine operators concluded to reduce the wage from fifty cents to one dollar per day. The following is the present scale of wage and the new scale, the companies putting the new scale into effect in the Wallapai district on the first day of February and the Oatman field to go into effect on the 15th of February. There is a slight difference between the two scales, but it is really in the classification of workmen and not in the operation of the scale.

| | Per Day | New | Old |
|--------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Scale | Scale | Scale |
| Hoistmen | 5.50 | 5.50 | 6.00 |
| Timbermen | 5.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 |
| Pumpmen | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| Blacksmiths | 5.50 | 5.50 | 6.00 |
| Blacksmith Helpers | 4.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 |
| Miners | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| Top Men | 4.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Laborers | 4.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| Mechanics | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| Skip Tenders | 5.00 | 5.00 | 6.00 |
| Muckers | 4.50 | 4.50 | 5.00 |
| Teamsters | 4.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 |
| Mine Carpenters | 5.50 | 5.50 | 6.50 |
| Carpenter Helpers | 4.50 | 4.50 | 5.50 |

All the other camps, especially coppers, have reduced wage that went into effect on the first of January. Globe reduced the pay one dollar per day; Butte, Mont., one dollar per day, and Bisbee made reductions running from one dollar down. Those receiving \$6 or over were cut one dollar and those receiving less than that amount were cut 80 cents. Coeur d'Alene district, Idaho, cut the skilled laborers one dollar and unskilled \$1.25.

It is understood that the cut will be accepted by the miners of the county, the miners of other sections accepting the reduction without question.

Now living prices are on the decline, as well as wages in practically every industry in the United States.

MEX. MURDERER MAKES GETAWAY TO MEXICO

The Mexican, Sanchez, who murdered another Mexican in Oatman New Years night has made his escape across the Mexican line, according to what clues that were obtainable. A week ago to-day Sheriff Mahoney received word here that it was thought Sanchez was going down the Colorado river in a boat. Mahoney started at once and driving all night arrived at the dam above Yuma, but was too late. The boat was found but no Mexican. He then followed his lead on down to Mexical and found it was useless to go further, for trying to bring a Mexican back from that country would be a hopeless task.

Ever since the murder, Sanchez has been aided by his countrymen in evading the law. This fact made his escape possible.

Sheriff Mahoney was particularly pleased with the help he received from Sheriff Polhamus and his deputies in Yuma county. Though it seems the sheriff there is badly handicapped in the northern part of the county on account of having but one deputy to take care of the territory between Alamo and the Yuma-Mohave county line. It is a large territory and the man there has too much ground to cover.

Mexical, full of generals, of the Mexican army, crooks, gamblers and yeggs is quite a hell-hole, the Sheriff says.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Christian Science Society will hold services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Odd Fellows Hall. Subject, "Life". Every Wednesday evening at 7:30 Testimonial meetings will be held at the same place.

Public cordially invited.

THE LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid Society will meet next Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., in the church parlor.

All are invited.

HOSPITALITY OF ELKS OF NEEDLES LONG TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the most enjoyable affairs ever given in Needles was pulled off by the stray Elks of that little city last Saturday evening, eighty-five Elks going from Kingman and many more from Hackberry, Chloride and Oatman. The officers of Kingman lodge 468, with the paraphernalia, made the pilgrimage and conducted the initiation of 15 candidates. District Deputy Exalted Ruler for Arizona, Frank Baptist, of Phoenix, was present and took part in the proceedings. The big lodge room at Needles was too small to accommodate the great gatherings of Elks and only a few of the many saw the initiatory ceremonies. But the Elks who could not take part in the lodge services more than made up for it in other ways. The Needles Elks had secured two excellent orchestras, one holding forth at the Arataba hotel and the other at El Garces.

After the initiations were over and the newly fledged members were O. K'd the herd was invited to one of the most appetizing spreads the Harvey House had ever put up. Nearly 300 Elks partook of the magnificent feed. The orchestra played good music during the entire evening, and many were the songs that were sung. The evening was passed away until there was no more evening, and the host and guests were compelled to seek their rooms or take the early morning trains for home.

To the Mohave county herd of Elks the occasion will long be remembered, and those who had the good fortune to be there, will have a still more kindly feeling for their brothers and friends in the little city by the Colorado.

ONE BILLION FOR NATION'S HIGHWAY

The year 1921 is bringing forward the greatest highway building program in the history of any nation on earth, more than one billion dollars being ready for expenditure in the United States for this purpose. The amounts provided is as follows: \$540,800,000 already provided by bond issues and other methods of supplying road building funds; \$160,000,000 federal aid; \$276,200,000 through direct taxation in the various states. The fact that millions of dollars available for highway construction during 1920 was held up on account of high price of labor and material, as well as lack of building supplies, has brought into the year 1921 an enormous fund for road building purposes. The American Good Roads congress will meet in Chicago next month and will take up the subject of road building and the methods to be employed in the future extensions and improvements of roads throughout the states of the United States. There are many states in the west that have failed to take advantage of the road building programs presented to them by the road enthusiasts and an effort will be made by the congress to bring these states to a realization of the necessity for their entry into this great movement. One state dropping out of road building will seriously hamper the other states surrounding it in the carrying out of through roads campaigns. While the people of the country know that roads are the educators and builders of a country, they are loath to burden themselves, as they view it, with extra taxation. They fail to realize the enormous importance of roads in the economy of the Nation. With good roads throughout the wheat belts of the country the crops could be moved to market at one-half the cost of the present mode, and yet the farmer is the last one to view with equanimity the spending of money on roads.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday Jan. 16th.
Mass will be said at 7:30 a. m. Benediction after Mass.

Father Hootsmans.

KINGMAN-HOLBROOK BASKETBALL GAME SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday night the local High School team will tangle with the boys from the Holbrook High. The game is scheduled for 7:45 at the gymnasium at Kingman.

The following boys will be started by Coach Kilburn: Toler White and Chester Minear, guards; Leon Harris, center; Bill St. Charles, (captain), and Edwin Hilty as forwards. Howard Hoffman, Ralph Johnson and Glen Goodwin, subs, will all probably have a chance to go in before the game is over.

The boys are in good shape and though it is not known what kind of a line-up the Holbrook boys have, a lively contest is expected.

Following the game a dance will be staged in the gymnasium, dancing starting at about 9 o'clock. A 50 cent admission will be charged for the dance and a like amount for the game. The proceeds will go to the Athletic Association.

At present the Association is about \$80 in debt. It is hoped that as much of this amount as possible, besides the \$50 paid to bring the Holbrook team here, will be cleaned up from the game Saturday.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The local Lodge of Knights of Pythias gave its regular meeting night over to the special use of Grand Chancellor J. A. Gilbert last Tuesday evening, that he might install the officers of Western Lodge No. 12 for the ensuing year.

Grand Chancellor Gilbert came here to act as installing officer and incidentally to pay his last official visit to the local lodge before the expiration of his term as Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of Arizona, which comes to a close in April of this year.

He was ably assisted in the work of installation by the following past chancellors of the local lodge, who acted in the capacity of grand lodge officers: A. D. Coolidge, E. G. Dubois, E. A. Kier, Ross H. Blakely, J. C. Maddux and T. E. Carter.

The installation ceremonies were interspersed throughout with a musical program rendered by the K. of P. Band, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the persons present and later refreshments were served, which were not only enjoyed, but many recipients came to the point, where they said: "Yes, I'll take a little more of that cake, please."

The following officers were installed into their respective offices: O. W. Gildow, chancellor commander; Howard J. Smith, vice chancellor; Melville Templeman, prelate; J. B. Lammers, master-of-work; J. H. Smith, keeper of records and seal and master of finance Wayne Hubbs, master of exchequer; R. Lorraine McMillan, master at arms Charles L. Roe inner guard; Orman G. Rand, outer guard.

The local lodge is enjoying a great activity and the reports of the past year show a very agreeable financial condition and the indication of the future is for even better things. This in a small way reflects the great prosperity of the order throughout the Grand Domain of Arizona and when due credit is passed, it can be truly said that it is in no small measure due to the untiring efforts of Grand Chancellor Gilbert, who has given the best part of his time to the good of the order during his term of office.

OATMAN WOMAN CALLED BY DEATH LAST MONDAY

Mrs. Ruth Staiger died at Oatman last Monday, death resulting from septicemia at child birth.

The deceased, who was formerly Mrs. Charles Yaeger, has lived at Oatman a good many years and will be greatly missed by her friends. She was 27 years of age.

She is survived by a husband, B. C. Staiger, engineer at the United Eastern.

The funeral was conducted from the M. E. Church the following day. Especially beautiful floral offerings were made to the memory of this woman by her friends.

ENGINEER O'CONNELL RUSHING WORK ON OATMAN-TOPOCK ROAD

The work on the Oatman-Topock highway is being rushed as fast as men and machines can do the work. About 12 miles of grading has already been done, ten miles of this being the grade from Topock northward. Nine miles of this grade will have to be surfaced, a big drag line loader being expected on the ground this week that will be used to load the battery of trucks that are to be put on the work. The road grade is 22 feet wide and the surfacing will be across the entire width, making the road one of the best in the county. It will take about 18,000 yards of surfacing to cover this piece of road, the cost of the work being greater than any other portion of the road, excepting the heavy rock work around Boundary Cone. Two big caterpillar tractors have been ordered onto the job, and these machines will be in operation by the first of the coming week. Near Boundary Cone the rock work is being carried on with reasonable progress.

Last week Assistant State Engineer Wolfe and County Engineer Hayward went to Los Angeles and secured the big loading device, which they had shipped from that place to Topock Monday last. This machine moves about on its own power, being equipped with caterpillar tractor, geared to move about one mile per hour. It has a sweep of about 30 feet and can be used to fill depressions, load trucks, handle heavy weights and perform every service that a steam shovel is ordinarily used for, and with greater ease. This machine will cut the cost of surfacing the nine miles of roadway fully \$10,000.

The cooperation of the county, the highway commission and the state engineering force has been bringing to Mohave County a good roads building organization second to none in the United States, Mohave county getting the benefit of the state's road equipment, as well as the big equipment of the county. More and better roads are now being built than at any time in the history of the county, and for this coordination of state and county work the people have to thank the old board of supervisors, the county engineer and assistant state engineer Lieut. Tom O'Connell. State Engineer Thomas Maddox has done much to aid the county with the distribution of equipment, staking our road-builders to eight trucks, one big caterpillar tractor and other machinery. This big aggregation of machines give the county an advantage over any county in the state in the matter of roadbuilding material and cuts the cost of work greatly.

FRANK DU BOIS AND BABE HARRIS WED

Frank DuBois and Irene Harris greatly surprised their friends of Kingman last Tuesday afternoon when they were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Harris. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. T. H. Dodd, the young people left on the afternoon train for their wedding trip in California. Later they expect to locate at Riverbank, where DuBois will go to work with the railroad again.

Only the immediate families of the young people were present. Dorothy Smith was bride's maid and Roderick Ortega, an old army pal of DuBois' was best man.

The bride, known as "Babe" to all her friends is a Kingman girl and numbers her friends by the hundreds. The groom has lived here since his return from service in France and has made many friends during his residence.

We all wish them happiness and prosperity.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Subject: "Reverence".
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Subject: "Dante's Triple Strait".
Boy Scouts Tuesday evening; Ladies Aid Society Wednesday afternoon; Bible Class Wednesday evening.
T. H. DODD,
Minister.